

CLAIMS:

1. A method of providing command execution status of a command
5 script to an application program, comprising:
creating a return code file;
storing a return code of at least one command of a command script
in the return code file; and
accessing the stored return code from an application program.
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2. The method of claim 1 wherein the return code file is created by the
command script.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising verifying the existence of
15 the return code file, prior to accessing the stored return code.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the return code is created by the
application program.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising prompting execution of
the command script from the application program.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the return code file comprises a file
stored on a hard disk.
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7. The method of claim 1 wherein the return code file comprises a file
stored on a RAM disk.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the return code file comprises a file stored in any location recognized as accessible by the command processor.

- 5 9. A system of providing command execution status of a command script to an application program, comprising:
- means for creating a return code file;
- means for storing a return code of at least one command of a command script in the return code file; and
- 10 means for accessing the stored return code from an application program.

- 15 10. The system of claim 9 further comprising means of verifying the existence of the return code file, prior to accessing the stored return code.

11. The system of claim 9 further comprising means of prompting the execution of the command script from the application program.

- 20 12. A computer readable medium storing a computer program that provides command execution status of a command script to an application program, comprising:
- computer readable code for creating a return code file;
- computer readable code for storing a return code of at least one command of a command script in the return code file; and
- 25 computer readable code for accessing the stored return code from an application program.

13. The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein the return code file is created by the command script.

5 14. The computer readable medium of claim 13 further comprising computer readable code for verifying the existence of the return code file, prior to accessing the stored return code.

10 15. The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein the return code is created by the application program.

15 16. The computer readable medium of claim 12 further comprising computer readable code for prompting execution of the command script from the application program.

17. The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein the return code file comprises a file stored on a hard disk.

20 18. The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein the return code file comprises a file stored on a RAM disk.

25 19. The computer readable medium of claim 12 wherein the return code file comprises a file stored in any location recognized as accessible by the command processor.